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SUBJECT: PRC AMBASSADOR TO BE TRANSFERRED; DIPLOMATIC CORPS
DEANSHIP ISSUE RESOLVED

REFERENCE: KINGSTON 3228

1. REFTEL REPORTED PRC AMBASSADOR'S REFUSAL TO DEAL, AS DEAN
KINGSTON DIPLOMATIC CORPS, WITH ISRAELIS AND SOUTH KOREANS.

2. ISSUE NOW APPEARS TO BE RESOLVED. PM'S PERMANENT SECRETARY,
GORDON WELLS, TOLD CHARGE AT SOCIAL FUNCTION EVENING OCT 9
THAT FONMIN DUDLEY THOMPSON "HAD READ THE RIOT ACT" TO PRC
AMBASSADOR LI CHAO OVER LATTER'S INABILITY (OWING INSTRUCTIONS
FROM PEKING) "TO DO THE RIGHT THING" AS DIPLOMATIC CORPS DEAN.
APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO THIS AND OTHER LOCAL PRESSURES,
CHINESE ARE RESOLVING ISSUE BY TRANSFERRING PRESENT PRC
AMBASSADOR IN NOVEMBER. THIS WILL DROP DEANSHIP OF CORPS IN
LAP OF CUBAN AMBASSADOR RAMON PEZ-FERRO. LATTER HAS ASSURED
FONMIN THAT HE WILL PERFORM ALL FUNCTIONS OF DEAN "CORRECTLY",
AND WILL HAVE "NO PROBLEM" WORKING WITH ISRAELI
AMBASSADOR, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, AND SOUTH KOREAN
CHARGE IN HIS ROLE AS DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

3. WELLS ALSO COMMENTED THAT CUBAN AMBASSADOR WAS
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MAKING NO EFFORT TO CONCEAL HIS GLEE AT BEING ABLE

UPSTAGE THE CHINESE ON THIS ISSUE.

4. WELLS FURTHER COMMENTED THAT MANY IN FONMIN WOULD NOT REGRET DEPARTURE OF PRESENT PRC AMBASSADOR. LATTER'S "PARANOID ANTIPATHY TOWARDS SOVIETS" HAD LED HIM TO FOCUS MOST OF HIS OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH GOJ ON WARNING OF ALL THE DIRE THINGS THE KGB WOULD DO TO JAMAICA SHOULD A SOVIET EMBASSY BE OPENED IN KINGSTON. DORRANCE

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